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LETTER DATED 16 MAY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, at 0700 hours on Saturday, 14 May 1994, United States and Coalition aircraft overflew residential quarters of the town of Samawah, the capital of Muthanna Governorate. They flew at low altitude and broke the sound barrier, smashing the glass in the windows and doors of a large number of houses belonging to citizens and official agencies and arousing alarm and panic in Iraqi women, children and old people.

The continued breaking of the sound barrier and terrorization of peaceful citizens by United States and Coalition aggressor aircraft furnishes one proof after another that the United States Government persists in its resolve to harm Iraq and its people and violate its security and sovereignty.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq protests strongly at the continuation of such acts of aggression and requests you to intervene and to take such measures as are provided for by the Charter of the international Organization in order to halt them and prevent their recurrence in the future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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